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In re: International Application No. PCT/IB2004/000821 filed 19 March 2004

Applicants: MURPANI *et al.*

Application No.: HEREWITH

For: WATER-SOLUBLE TABLETS OF METFORMIN

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered prior to examination of the specification filed concurrently herewith, and prior to calculation of the fees therefor:

**In the claims:**

Please delete claims 2, 5-6, 19-12, 14-16, 22-23, 25-26, 30-33, 36-39, 42-46 and amend claims 7, 17, 24 and 40 as follows: